

What is claimed is:

1. A method of treating a wound in a patient suffering from a wound which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of an oxandrolone to the patient.
2. A method of improving the rate of healing of a wound in a patient suffering from a wound which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of an oxandrolone to the patient.
3. A method according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the wound is a burn wound.
4. A method according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the wound comprises an ulcer.
5. A method according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the wound comprises a skin graft.
6. A method according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the amount of the oxandrolone is about 1-100 mg per day.
7. A method according to claim 6 wherein the amount of the oxandrolone is about 20 mg per day.
8. A method according to claim 6 wherein the amount of the oxandrolone is about 80 mg per day.
9. A method according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the oxandrolone is administered orally.

10. A method according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the oxandrolone is administered topically.
- 5 11. A method according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the oxandrolone is injected.
12. A method according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the oxandrolone is in a solid dosage form.
- 10 13. A method according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the oxandrolone is in a liquid dosage form.
14. A method according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the oxandrolone is in a sustained-release formulation.
- 15 15. A method of treating burn-induced weight loss in a burn patient which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of an oxandrolone to the patient.
- 20 16. A method of treating burn-induced weight loss in a burn patient which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of an oxandrolone in conjunction with a protein supplement to the patient.
- 25 17. A method according to claims 15 or 16 wherein the amount of the oxandrolone is about 1-100 mg per day.
18. A method according to claim 17 wherein the amount of the oxandrolone is about 20 mg per day.
- 30 19. A method according to claim 17 wherein the amount of the oxandrolone is about 80 mg per day.

20. A method according to claims 15 or 16 wherein the oxandrolone is administered orally.
- 5 21. A method according to claims 15 or 16 wherein the oxandrolone is administered topically.
22. A method according to claims 15 or 16 wherein the oxandrolone is injected.
- 10 23. A method according to claims 15 or 16 wherein the oxandrolone is in a solid dosage form.
24. A method according to claims 15 or 16 wherein the oxandrolone is in a liquid dosage form.
- 15 25. A method according to claims 15 or 16 wherein the oxandrolone is in a sustained-release formulation.
- 20 26. A composition for use in topical treatment of wounds which comprises an oxandrolone and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 25 27. A composition according to claim 26 wherein the wound is selected from the group consisting of a burn, an ulcer and a skin graft.
- 30 28. A method according to claims 1, 2, 15 or 16, wherein the oxandrolone is  $17\alpha$ -methyl- $17\beta$ -hydroxy-2-oxa- $5\alpha$ -androstan-3-one.
29. A method according to claim 4 wherein the ulcer is a decubitus ulcer.